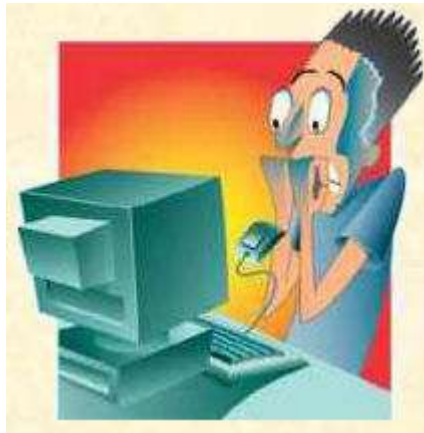


Technophobia and Technophilia



Technophobia is the fear or dislike of advanced [technology](#) or complex devices, especially [computers](#).^[1] The term is generally used in the sense of an irrational fear, but others contend fears are justified. It is the opposite of [technophilia](#). First receiving widespread notice during the [Industrial Revolution](#), technophobia has been observed to affect various societies and communities throughout the world. This has caused some groups to take stances against some modern technological developments in order to preserve their ideologies. In some of these cases, the new technologies conflict with established beliefs, such as personal values in simplicity and modest lifestyles. A number of examples of technophobic ideas can be found in multiple forms of art, ranging from literary works such as [Frankenstein](#) to films like [Metropolis](#) and [Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs](#). Many of these works portray the darker side of technology as seen by the technophobic. As technologies become increasingly complex and difficult to understand, people are more likely to harbor anxieties relating to their use of modern technologies.

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I love my computer!



Technophilia refers generally to a strong [enthusiasm](#) for [technology](#), especially [new technologies](#) such as [personal computers](#), the [Internet](#), [mobile phones](#) and [home cinema](#). The term is used in [sociology](#) when examining the interaction of individuals with their [society](#), especially contrasted with [technophobia](#).

Technophilia and technophobia are the two extremes of the relationship between [technology and society](#). The technophobe fears or dislikes technology, often regarding some or all technology with fear. This may be as a consequences of fear of change, a prior catastrophic experience with technology or because it may lead to a process of [dehumanization](#). The technophile sees most or all technology as positive, adopting technology enthusiastically, and seeing it as a means to potentially improve life and combat social problems.

[Transhumanism](#) is sometimes considered to be the most ideological form of technophilia, as its adherents work towards a future in which technology will allow human beings to be physically and mentally [enhanced](#), in order to better suit individual and social standards.

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